

SMASH Site Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 3:15 PM in Anne's Room

In attendance: Michon Paris, Arati Desai, Kirsten Sheridan, Chrysta Powell, Christian Carter, Anne Serapiglia, Jennifer Gardner, Nico Lombard, Mira Wagabaza, Maya Gillerman, Jessica Rishe

Absent: Malaika Boyer

Adopted Agenda. Motioned by Michon Seconded by Kirsten

Approved minutes of last meeting Motioned by Anne Seconded by Mira

Community participation: none

Reports and Announcements (regular agenda items)

Principal's Report = We recognized returning parent reps Kirsten Sheridan and Michon Paris, returning student rep Maya Gillerman and welcomed newly elected parent rep Arati Wagabaza and newly elected student reps Mira Wagabaza and Nico Lombard. Reviewed by-laws.

Student Reports: Mock Trial. Approximately 30 students responded to the survey expressing interest and there are 25 roles. We have 4-6 parents who are attorneys who will be the coaches. The meetings will be Tuesdays 3:30-5:30pm. Students need to attend weekly to learn their roles and be prepared for the trial.

Peer Mediation: student mediators will be visiting classrooms to explain how it's starting.

Core 4: In math we started a new geometry unit. In Humanities, students are reading short stories and answering questions. The class is reading The Absolute True Diary of a Part Time Indian . In PE, students are doing a throwing and punting unit.

Community Organization Reports (to include but not limited to the following):

PTSA: Thank you to Ofer and Liz Grossman and Naren Desai for hosting such a fun and welcoming Back to School Night Potluck. The Core Forums are this week and next week for parents to learn about their children's curriculum for this year.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Reviewed ideas for new play structures on the little yard. Go to [Kompan.us](http://Kompan.us) to see visuals. Students will be invited to submit designs and requests and parents will be provided a link to share their wishes as well, knowing that we will share our input with the District not knowing to what degree our ideas will be received.

Flexible for various types of play, supporting imagination, having a family style dining area that incorporates the natural feel/logs, space for open play (ball or loose materials), shade, space underneath, maintain spaces for gardens/insects/growth cycles. Student reps recommend there be a multi-modal climbing space with swings as well. The Spacenet from Kompan allows students to get up high and play underneath and to imagine their own play or sit and daydream. We need to consider a system of care for materials if they are non-permanent ones.

Caroline Coster, SMMUSD Sustainability Coordinator presented about student centered project possibilities. Sites can begin to think about short, medium and long term goals and the District is working on a budget. Currently in creation is a Districtwide sustainability plan. The topics are climate, energy efficiency, water, solid waste, transportation, food nutrition and wellness, material procurement, green building practices, community and engagement. Progress report of this plan will be presented 9/20 to Board of Education with an update 12/13 and presented for adoption 1/17/19. Families who wish to see a draft of the plan can view it on the Board agenda link or attend community meetings in person. Energy: replacing lightbulbs to LED, solar panels on 9 elementary schools and then add solar parking shades. 10/1-11/30 there will be a District energy competition as a way to build awareness of how much energy we're using in our District and encourage behavior changes. The energy dashboard will be available at [www.smmusd.org](http://www.smmusd.org)

Transportation: goal is to reduce single ridership for employees. Getting TAP cards for employees who participate in the program.

Waste: Now we have green waste, black for trash and blue for recycling with three different color liners to keep these sorted for the custodians. The Hauler will take our sorted trash and recycle the blue bin contents. As the new bins arrive, we will ask for student leaders and parent volunteers to help people use them correctly at first. Cafeteria services is intending to match the city of Santa Monica ban on plastic use for food containers.

Water conservation program: Discovery Cube booklet launches October 1 targeting 5<sup>th</sup> graders for 18-19. Based on Next Generation Science Standards. Bottle filling stations will be installed at all sites over time.

Reviewed SMASH state testing (CASSPP) data for 17-18. Results will be posted on CA Dept of Education website.

Community participation: none

Adjourned Motioned by Arati seconded by Chrysta

Next meeting dates for 2018-19: 10/3/18, 11/14/18, 12/19/18, 1/23/19, 2/27/19, 3/27/19, 5/8/19